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Press Release

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County Executive David R. Craig Statement on Supreme Court Decision Regarding Obamacare

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County Executive David R. Craig today issued the following statement regarding the decision upholding the constitutionality of the "Affordable Care Act" or so-called "Obamacare" law:

Just because a law is deemed to be constitutional does not mean it is good policy. It is noteworthy that the Supreme Court declared what we all know to be true – that Obamacare is a tax on all Americans, and particularly the middle class.

Harford Countians, like all Americans, are tired of ever-increasing taxes at the federal and state levels, ballooning deficits, and the burdening of our children and grandchildren with long-term obligations.

Obamacare represents another step in the unraveling of the personal freedoms that our Founding Fathers fought to preserve. While proponents hail this legislation as providing greater accessibility, the fact is that it provides more access to less – less personal choice, fewer resources, and lower quality care.

The passage of this legislation months ago and today's court ruling pushes our great nation ever closer to the unsustainable economic policies and flawed healthcare systems of Europe which have contributed greatly to the ongoing economic crisis in that part of the world.

I urge our representatives in Congress to work to repeal and replace this bad law with one that ensures that all Americans can benefit from the finest healthcare system in the world.

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